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B1 - 57. A substrate coated with an essentially water-free composition, wherein said composition comprises a superabsorbent polymer in combination with a compound wherein said compound comprises a petroleum lubricant, synthetic lubricant, grease, or solid lubricant, wherein said compound optionally contains a lubricant additive.

58. The substrate of claim 57 wherein said compound is a petroleum lubricant or synthetic lubricant and wherein said compound optionally contains an additive which is a detergent or a dispersant.

59. The substrate of claim 57 wherein said superabsorbent polymer is neutralized or cross-linked, and is based on acrylic acid, acrylamide, or an acrylate.

60. The substrate of claim 58 wherein said superabsorbent polymer is neutralized or cross-linked, and is based on acrylic acid, acrylamide, or an acrylate.

61. The substrate of claim 57 wherein said essentially water free composition comprises a superabsorbent polymer, and said compound is a petroleum oil, a silicone, an organic ester, or a glycol and combinations thereof.

62. The substrate of claim 61 wherein said silicone is a siloxane, low molecular weight silicone polymer, or diorgano silicon oxide.


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63. The substrate of claim 57 wherein said substrate comprises cable.

64. The substrate of claim 57 wherein said substrate comprises a wire.

65. The substrate of claim 57 wherein said composition comprises a product made by the process of combining said superabsorbent polymer with said compound, and said additive, when present.

66. The substrate of claim 62 wherein said composition comprises a product made by the process of combining said superabsorbent polymer with said compound, and said additive, when present.

 67. A method of protecting a substrate from the affects of water or water migration comprising coating said substrate with an essentially water-free composition, wherein said composition comprises a superabsorbent polymer in combination with a second compound wherein said second compound is a petroleum lubricant, synthetic lubricant, grease, or solid lubricant, and wherein said second compound optionally contains a lubricant additive.

68. The method of claim 67 wherein said compound is a petroleum lubricant or synthetic lubricant and wherein said compound optionally contains an additive which is a detergent or a dispersant.

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69. The method of claim 67 wherein said superabsorbent polymer is neutralized or cross-linked, and is based on acrylic acid, acrylamide, or an acrylate.

70. The method of claim 68 wherein said superabsorbent polymer is neutralized or cross-linked, and is based on acrylic acid, acrylamide, or an acrylate.

71. The method of claim 67 wherein said essentially water free composition comprises a superabsorbent polymer, and said compound is a petroleum oil, a silicone, an organic ester, or a glycol and combinations thereof.

72. The method of claim 71 wherein said silicone is a siloxane, low molecular weight silicone polymer, or diorgano silicon oxide.

73. The method of claim 67 wherein said substrate comprises a cable.

74. The method of claim 67 wherein said substrate comprises a wire.

75. The method of claim 67 wherein said composition comprises a product made by the process of combining said superabsorbent polymer with said compound, and said additive, when present.

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